

Application Serial No: 09/780,367
In reply to Office Action of 23 March 2005

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes a replacement sheet labeled FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, replacing the original sheet. Reference number 42 of FIG. 2 is being corrected to have the label "NEURAL NETWORK" instead of "NEUTRAL NETWORK".

Attachment: Replacement sheet labeled FIG. 1 and FIG.2

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes to FIG. 2

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application.
Claims 8-22 are allowed. Claims 1-7 are rejected. Claims 1-7 are cancelled by this action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner contended that amended claim 1 is still indefinite since the preamble of the claim does not correspond to or is not commensurate with the last paragraph of the claim. Specifically, the Examiner stated that it is unclear what "testing" is done or a torpedo (preamble) when the last paragraph of the claim specifies "determining the function of the torpedo".

The Examiner allowed claims 8-22.

The Examiner considered Applicants' arguments filed January 10, 2005 but found them unpersuasive.

These rejections and objections are respectfully traversed in view of these amendments and remarks.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection of these claims moot.

Applicants are submitting a replacement drawing sheet in order to correct a typographical error in the label of reference

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number 42. "NEUTRAL NETWORK" should be --NEURAL NETWORK--. A replacement sheet and a sheet showing the correction are submitted.


Applicants believe that, as amended, the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicants, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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